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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of communication for a confined area of a facility, comprising:

receiving personal identification information of a group member into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

receiving monetary deposit information for the member group;
receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station; and
creating transaction reports.

- 2. A method according to claim 1, further including receiving spending limit information for each group member.
- 3. A method according to claim 2, further including receiving spending limit change information.
- 4. A method according to claim 1, further including determining the total amount of cash spent and displaying said total amount.
- 5. A method according to claim 1, further including determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group member.
- 6. A method according to claim 1, further including receiving account information at the cashless station via a personal identification locator.
- 7. A system of communication for a confined area of a facility, comprising:

means for receiving personal identification information of a group member into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

means for receiving monetary deposit information for the member group;

means for receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station; and

means for creating transaction reports.

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- 8. A system according to claim 7, further including means for receiving spending limit information for each group member.
- 9. A system according to claim 8, further including means for receiving spending limit change information.
- 10. A system according to claim 7, further including means for determining the total amount of cash spent and means for displaying said total amount.
- 11. A system according to claim 7, further including means for determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group member.
- 12. A system according to claim 7, further including means for receiving account information at the cashless station via a personal identification locator.
- 13. A software system of communication for a confined area of a facility, comprising:

module for receiving personal identification information of a group member into at least one of a set of stations distributed throughout the confined area;

module for receiving monetary deposit information for the member group;

module for receiving transaction information from at least one cashless station; and

module for creating transaction reports.

- 14. A software system according to claim 13, further including module for receiving spending limit information for each group member.
- 15. A software system according to claim 14, further including module for spending limit change information.
- 16. A software system according to claim 13, further including module for determining the total amount of cash spent and module for displaying said total amount.

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- 17. A software system according to claim 13, further including module for determining the amount of the cash to be returned to the group member.
- 18. A software system according to claim 13, further including module for receiving account information at the cashless station via a personal identification locator.